

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 through 8 are pending and stand under final rejection. In response to the final Office Action dated October 4, 2006, claim 1 is amended herein and claims 3 through 5 are cancelled, leaving only claims 1 and 6 through 8 pending. Entry of the Amendment and allowance of the application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 and 3 through 8 were rejected as being unpatentable over Yamamoto in view of Nohmi. The Office Action states that it would have been obvious to modify the winding pitch of 10 to 13 mm, as disclosed by Nohmi, to the teaching of Yamamoto regarding the inner most shield layer. Reconsideration of this position is respectfully solicited as the rejection of the claims as amended herein is traversed.

Nohmi discloses a coaxial cable having one center conductor. It is submitted that this feature as disclosed by Nohmi cannot simply be applied to Yamamoto, which discloses a coaxial cable having two internal conductors. Moreover, in Nohmi a winding pitch is linked to a bending radius (column 1, lines 47-50) and the bending radius of Nohmi's coaxial cable differs from that of Yamamoto's coaxial cable. Therefore, if the winding pitch of the laterally-wound shield of Yamamoto's coaxial cable were to be modified with Nohmi's coaxial cable, this modification would result in a maximum pitch that is less than the claimed range of 10 to 13 mm (see the previous response, submitted on March 29, 2006, page 6, lines 3 to 16).

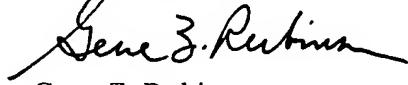
In claim 1, as amended herein, a second shield layer is formed by spirally winding a plurality of conductors on said first shield layer in a counter winding direction relative to that of said first shield layer and a scroll pitch of said second shield layer is not more than a scroll pitch of said first shield layer. In manufactured examples of Nohmi, a pitch of the second shield layer is larger than that of second shield layer. If the winding pitch of the laterally-wound shield of

Yamamoto's coaxial cable is modified with Nohmi's coaxial cable, the advantage of the present invention, disconnection of signal conductor, short-circuit outbreak between the first shield layer and the signal conductor, and the disordering of the second shielding layer (page 9, line 16 to page 10, line 4 of the present specification) cannot be achieved.

Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 1 and 6 through 8, as currently presented, are patentably distinguishable. Entry of the Amendment and allowance of the application are respectfully solicited. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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